

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A display and control device for medical equipment including units connectable to an electric bus, the display and control device comprising:
 - at least one display/control unit including:
 - o a display device having a plurality of activatable pixels,
 - o a display activation device which activates the pixels of the display device on the basis of data supplied,
 - o a transparent input device disposed on a surface of the display device that is to face an observer,
 - o an input evaluation device which evaluates inputs made via the input device, and
 - o a unit connector with which the display activation device and the input evaluation device are connected and by which the display/control unit can be connected to an electric bus, and
 - a base unit including:
 - o an electric bus for the communication of units connected thereto,
 - o a plurality of connector devices at which the display/control unit can be connected to the electric bus via the unit connector, and
 - o a configuration device which is connected with the electric bus and which, after connection of the display/control unit to the electric bus, transmits configuration data determining display contents and input areas of the display/control unit via the electric bus, wherein the configuration data further comprises an identification of a medical unit connectable to the electric bus from which data values are to be received, a criteria for evaluating the received data values and a format for displaying a result of the evaluation of the received data values.
2. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein for each of the connector devices of the base unit, it is determined in the configuration device

which configuration data are transmitted to a display/control unit connected to a respective connector device.

3. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein in the configuration device the configuration data transmitted to connected display/control units are determined depending on the sequence in which the display/control units are connected to the base unit.
4. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein several areas to display display contents and to receive inputs are logically defined in the display device of the display/control unit.
5. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 4, wherein several of the logical areas are combinable to form a connected area.
6. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one display/control unit includes several display/control devices that are constructed identically.
7. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein the display/control unit is fixed to the base unit by way of the connection between the unit connector and the connector device.
8. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 7, wherein the display/control unit is fixed on the base unit via additional fixing elements.
9. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein data for displaying digits, numbers and map pixels are stored in the display activation device of the display/control unit.

10. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein the display/control unit and the configuration device are arranged such that data for display contents can be transmitted to the display/control unit by the configuration device and stored in the display/control unit.
11. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 10, wherein the display/control unit informs the configuration device of which data for display contents are stored in the display activation device.
12. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein the display/control unit includes a bus communication device via which the display activation device and the input evaluation device are connected to the bus.
13. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein no further control elements are provided.
14. (Previously presented) The display and control device according to claim 1, wherein apart from an on/off switch, no further control elements are provided.
15. (Previously presented) A display/control unit adapted for use in a display and control device according to claim 1.